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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY FOLLOWING SPEAKERS: UGANDA, GDR, BELGIUM, CHINA, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH-SPEAKING PARLIAMENTARIANS, WFTU, IRAN, WHO SRI LANKA, UNCTAD, AND AUSTRALIA. END SUMMARY.

1. UGANDA. ASIDE FROM CRITICISM OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR FAILURE PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF IDS, UGANDA DEFENDED ITS PARTICIPATION IN CLUB OF COFFEE PRODUCERS AS MERELY EFFORT TO STABLIZE PRICES, DESPITE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FRUSTRATE THESE PLANS. STATEMENT WENT ON TO EXPRESS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AS TO GREATER DEPENDENCE OF DEVELOPING WORLD ON FOOD PRODUCTION FROM DEVELOPED WORLD, AND NOTED SOME-
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WHAT CAUSTICALLY THAT UGANDA MIGHT ONCE AGAIN FIND

ITSELF VICTIM OF DISCRIMINATION AS IT HAD WHEN IT EXERCISED ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO NATIONALIZE RETAIL TRADE AND EXPEL FOREIGNERS. STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT VARIOUS ORGANS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY HAD SUCCUMBED TO POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN LIMITING AID TO UGANDA. ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, BASED ON THIS EXPERIENCE, ALLOCATIONS FROM SPECIAL FUND WOULD BE MADE ON A NON-POLITICAL BASIS.

2. GDR. GDR STATEMENT DEVOTED MAJOR PORTION OF ITS CONTENT TO THESIS THAT ECONOMIC REFORMS WERE LARGELY MEANINGLESS WITHOUT ASSURANCE OF DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. DREDGED UP EARLIER SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR 10 PCT CUT IN ARMS SPENDING AS MEANS OF BOTH GUARANTEEING DETENTE AND FUNDING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, WHILE ACCUSING "CAPITALISTS" OF SCUTTling THIS PLAN. ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT RAPID CONCLUSION OF SECOND PHASE OF CSCE WOULD HELP IMMEASURABLY IN PAVING WAY FOR THIRD AND FINAL PHASE WHICH IN TURN WAS CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR MEANINGFUL NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. CONTRASTED OUTBREAK OF PERMANENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN CAPITALIST WORLD WITH STABILITY AND STEADY GROWTH WITHIN CMEA COUNTRIES UNDER SOVIET LEADERSHIP. LINKED MNC PROFITS TO DEPRIVATIONS OF LDC, AND SAID THAT CHANGE OF CAPITALIST ECONOMY IMPOSSIBLE WITH ALTERING NEO-COLONIALIST MENTALITY WHICH STILL FIRMLY ENTRENCHED. ALL TOLD, SPEECH HAD QUAINtLY COLD WAR TONE WHICH SEEMED OUT OF PLACE IN 1974.

3. BELGIUM. MOST OF BELGIAN STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO EFFORT TO DEFINE AND DELIMIT MEANING OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE UNCLEAR IN DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM 6TH SPECIAL SESSION. HOWEVER, STATEMENT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN EMPHASIZING THAT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WERE NOT ALL ENCOMPASSING AS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN. WHILE AGREEING THAT RAW MATERIALS, SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND MNC'S WERE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, BELGIAN REP THOUGHT THAT ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED EQUAL EMPHASIS.

4. CHINA. CHINESE STATEMENT WAS RATHER MORE STRIDENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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POLEMICAL THAN RECENT CHINESE STATEMENTS. IN LAYING WORLD ECONOMIC WOES AT DOORSTEP OF SUPER POWERS AND THEIR COLONIALIST, IMPERIALIST, HEGEMONIST DESIGNS, CHINA CONTINUED TO PLAY UP ITS ROLE AS MEMBER OF THIRD WORLD. HOWEVER, STATEMENT OCCASIONALLY STUMBLed ON ITS OWN INCONSISTENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN CITING ARAB SUCCESS IN CONTROLLING PRICE OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, HE SAID THIS VICTORY WELCOMED BY ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE

WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT AT ODDS WITH STATEMENT OF ECA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ABOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS OIL PRICES WERE CAUSING IN AFRICA. CITED ONE SUPER POWER AS USING MNC TO SUCK BLOOD OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH HIGH INTEREST RATES AND CONTROL OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES. HOWEVER, OTHER SUPER POWER " WHICH CLAIMS TO BE SOCIALIST" IS EVEN MORE VICIOUS BY USING ITS AID TO EXTORT AND CONTROL RECIPIENTS, SELLING THEM OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AT HIGH PRICES WHILE DEMANDING LONG-TERM DELIVERY OF BASIC MATERIALS AT UNREALISTICALLY LOW PRICES. THIS SUPER POWER SHOWS ITSELF TO BE A SOCIALIST IN WORDS AND AN IMPERIALIST IN DEEDS. STATEMENT THEN SIMMERED DOWN TO RELATIVELY MILD BUT COMPREHENSIVE THIRD WORLD CAUSES THEY SUPPORT AND ENDED WITH AFFIRMATION THAT CHINESE DELEGATION WOULD WORK TO HELP IMPLEMENT DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION.

5. FRENCH-SPEAKING PARLIAMENTARIANS. FORMER LEBANESE PRESIDENT HELOU DELIVERED ELOQUENT STATEMENT WHICH BOILED DOWN TO HIS ORGANIZATION'S ROLE IN MARSHALLING PUBLIC

OPINION IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS.

6. WFTU. WFTU WAS PREDICTABLE BROADSIDE AGAINST EVILS OF MNC'S, CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS, AND IN FAVOR OF SOCIALIST SYSTEM.

7. IRAN. AMBASSADOR HOVEYDA, CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK G-77 AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE, DELIVERED SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT COVERING STATUS OF WORLD ECONOMY, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION AND OUTLINING IRANIAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT "UNJUST" ACCUSATIONS AGAINST OPEC COUNTRIES RE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. HE
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PLACED BLAME ON INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR GALLOPING INFLATION AND OTHER ILLS. HE DEPICTED SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM OF ACTION AS INDICATIVE DOCUMENT REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION OVER LONG RUN. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AND WHILE STATING GOI PREFERENCE FOR SPECIAL FUND, SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EMERGENCY PROGRAM IF OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD DO SO. FUTURE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM OF ACTION REQUIRES COUNCIL PINPOINTING RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER UN FAMILY. HE FURTHERMORE CALLED FOR PREPCOM IN OCTOBER 1974 FOR 1975 SPECIAL UNGA. PREPCOM WOULD BE OPEN ENDED FOR ALL UN MEMBERS. HE OUTLINED GOI'S ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, MENTIONING A \$700,000,000 LOAN TO IMF, 11 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH LDCS TOTALING \$2.5 BILLION AND DECISION TO ADVANCE REPAYING OF LOANS

TO GOI. HE MAINTAINED THAT ENTIRE GOI PACKAGE OF ASSISTANCE, I.E., CREDITS, PROJECTS, ETC., TOTALS \$6 BILLION.

8. WMO. SYG DAVIES IN MODEL STATEMENT OUTLINING HIS AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES REFERRED ON TWO OCCASIONS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S 6TH SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS ON CLIMATIC CHANGES. HE ALSO REFERRED TO EFFORTS OF WMO IN PREPARATION FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT RESEARCH ON WEATHER AND COLLECTION OF DATA WOULD ASSIST

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IN ESTIMATING REGIONAL AND GLOBAL YIELDS OF MAJOR CROPS SUCH AS WHEAT (DAVIES STATEMENT BEING POUCHED).

9. SRI LANKA (OBSERVER). SRI LANKA STATEMENT CONFINED IN MAIN TO RECITAL OF WOES THAT HAVE OVERTAKEN THIS COUNTRY. ALSO SPEALED FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF FERTILIZER FUND.

10. UNCTAD. UNCTAD STATEMENT COVERED IN GENERAL TERMS MOST OF ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY THIS ORGANIZATION OVER PAST YEAR: NEED FOR PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS,

INDEXATION, STRENGTHENING OF LDC-LDC TRADE RELATIONSHIPS, POSSIBILITY OF OIL PRODUCERS TO INVEST IN LDCS, NEED FOR IMPROVED RULES FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SDR LINK, NEED FOR MAJOR REFORMS IN MONETARY AREA, PROBLEM OF LDC IN-DEBTEDNESS, NEED FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO MSA'S.

11. AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT STARTED WITH PRO-NOUNCEMENT THAT AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PRIORITY IN FOREIGN POLICY IS COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. INDICATED THAT ISSUES BEFORE ECOSOC ARE: FOLLOW-UP OF RESULTS OF 6TH UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIAL GA, DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROVIDED 6TH SPECIAL GA FOR CONSIDERATION BY ECOSOC, MNCS AND PREPARATION FOR 1975 SPECIAL GA. WENT ON TO SAY THAT AUSTRALIA ENDORSED AIMS OF DECLARATION AND SPECIAL PROGRAM OF 6TH SPECIAL GA BUT HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH MEANS. SUGGESTED THAT CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES MAY BE HEADED DOWN RIGHT TRACK. WITH REGARD MNCS, INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIA NEEDED MORE TIME FOR STUDY BEFORE MAKING ANY FINAL DECISION. CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.
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